

POETRY

The Least of These.

Beside a dusty road, flat, hot and long,
Gray-lined with half-dead grass, a
ragged weed,
A goldenrod, unmet to raise a song
Of praise to God or bring to pass a
deed

Or help to man, fought hardly for life,
And down the way a plodding team
came,
Seared with the blazing heat and gray
with dust
Work-wearied, old, a stream without
a name

and sinking in dry sand. Because
she must
live, nor felt the bitter joy of

that use," I cried, "that these who cannot give finger-lift to help the world about them fight that heartless, hopeless battle but to live
Who long unpeaking for death and night!"

t in the morning on the golden-rod
the dewdrops sparkled bright a song
to God;
Bob-Jacolin swinging on the spray
scattered forth his matin roundelay;
the alderman bee with "broadened
vest
as glad to make its fringe a place
of rest;

find a refuge from the noonday heat.

in the afternoon a tired child
wore its faint glow of cheerful gold
and smiled.

What of the woman? If our kindly
Would give a weed in that growth-
stricken spot.

A new day task, she will not be for-
gotten. Life weighs more than fields of
—New York Christian Advocate.

A Tariff on Flirting.

A Chicago Judge has established a
regular schedule on fines for flirting.

News.

They've put a tariff on the wink.
We've needed it awhile.
They fine a gink ten for a flirt
And seven for a smile.

It's thirty for an "Oh, you kid."
And that is the new law.
It's twenty flat to tip your hat
To girls you do not know.

We may derive a deal of good
From systems such as this.
To fine a fink for being pert
Will seldom be amiss.

—Kansas City Journal

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Maids—Did you call me, ma'am?
me. Parvenu—Yes, I just wanted to

Post—"Why did you flamine your voracious cook? Parker!—It was the only way to get our guests to go home—pinpoote's Magazine.

"I got a new attachment for the flamine—pinpoote's Magazine. It's a wonderful improvement." "What is it?" "A lock and key."—Washington Star.

"I cannot live without you," he declared. "Don't say that, she replied, "I shall not marry you, but I will ask thee to get you a job."—Judge's Literary Digest.

"My father. I can hear anything in college." "Well, don't worry son. I'll see it that you'll have plenty of rugs practice on this summer."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Friend—What was the title for your new book? Post—Oh, Give Me Back My Dreams! Friend—And what did the editor write you? Post—Take 'em!—McClure's Magazine.

Wife—Have you brought the white dress? Husband—No, I brought the white dress.

my dear, the fact is the man said they were too young to be taken from their mother. Bunch

"He who puts his hand to the plow," "turn back," "and do not enter," "turn back or turn back." "What is he to do when he gets to the end of a furrow?" asked the auditor in the blue jeans overalls—worth's Companion.

"Think Peleg Wombat has got any chance to be elected poundmaster of the town?" asked Nobody, having suggested him of stealing his nomination.

"I said he's hopelessly out of style this year!"—Pittsburg Post.

"Was your son one of the popular boys at college?" "Yes, indeed. He was elected cheer leader three times."

"And what is he going to do now?"

"He has accepted an offer to call on his father-in-law for a leading catering firm"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wife was yelling from the lake:

"What's the matter?" asked husband. "I think a bass had me by the toe, but he's gone now." "Why couldn't

let him nibble until I got there," answered husband, peacefully. "I've landed a base this trip."—Kansas Courier-Journal.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

Hemlock, foxglove, monkshood, the seeds of laborum, common leaves and flowers are all poisonous to human beings.

A jackrabbit came jumping down the center of Main street recently. He ran through without stopping, and did not even whistle to the crossing. —Elsmore (Kan.) Leader.

New steamers for the South American trade just launched for the Ham-

mark, 8,000 tons, at Bremerhaven, and the Buenos Aires, a 12,000-ton liner, at Bremen.

It is noted that the top strands of the wire fence are more apt to reach than those which pass through the low-lying grass. A possible explanation is offered, the fact that the wires running close to the ground are slightly electrified.

Jibuti is the entrepot to Abysinnia, being the railway port through which the foreign trade of King Menelik's country is carried. Its commerce in 1931 was mounted to \$15,065,866, as compared with \$10,536,178 in 1930, an increase of \$4,519,778 in favor of last year.

The prolonged dry season that has been experienced throughout the whole of the Horn of Africa, and especially in the neighborhood of King Menelik's

were on the north coast and reaching well into the interior. In the low-lands cattle are suffering for lack of

A characteristic product of China known round the world and admired in varying degrees by foreigners generally is Chinese black-wood furniture. Benches, stools, stands, pedestals, center and side tables, frames, and most other drawing-room pieces, elaborately carved and ornamented and manufactured as they are supposed to be made from a black-wood.

A berrygrower of the state of Washington is reported by the California Fruit-grower to have discovered after many experiments, a sun-drying process for strawberries which has been patented. He has received preliminary orders for the product from many states in the Union, and also from Alaska. He intends later to export his fruit on a company and later put